This is BILK 18, November 1987. Subs are \$ 8 or £ 4 or DM 15. Please pay in CHEQUES DRAWN IN GERMAN CURRENCY, OR IN NOTES IF FOREIGN ONES. MOST OF YOU HAVE TO RENEW THEIR SUB NOW, I HOPE YOU STILL FIND BILK WORTH THE MONEY. NEXT BILK WILL BE A DOUBLE ISSUE, WITH ONE PAGE FULL WITH 19TH CENTURY SCOTTISH LAKE MONSTERS, AND ALL THE USUAL STUFF. THIS BILK HAS ONLY MONS-TERS, MARINE LIFE AND FORTEANA AGAIN NEXT SSUE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO GET COPIES OF THE LNPIB'S ANNUAL REPORTS (I ONLY HAVE 1967/68/69). PLEASE MAKE OFFERS. ADDRESS IS STILL: ULRICH MAGIN, STUHLBRUDERHOFSTR. 4, 6704 MUTTER-STADT, WEST GERMANY. HERE WE GO!

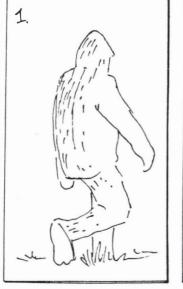
BEHEMUIH. • Loch Ness (Bibliography): The "Rival Monster" by C MacKenzie in the Eden Court Theatre, Inverness (Inverness Courter, 10.7., p./B); Loch Ness Monster symposium in Edinburgh (I.C., 24.7., p./B); a car sticker: "Keep your d s-TANCE - | BREAK FOR THE LOCH NESS MONSTER" (WEEKLY NEWS, 15.8., P.2); FISH FARM AT LOCH NESS (STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG, 11.8., p. 10e); CARTOON OF GERMAN RIGHT WING POLITICIAN STRAUSS AS LOCH NESS MONSTER (RHEIN-ZEITUNG, 11.8., p. 2); James Cornell, Astrophysician, says new age people "Believe in Astro-LÓGY, UFOS AND THE LOCH NESS MONSTER" (GLASGOW HERALD, 17.8., p. 3ef)

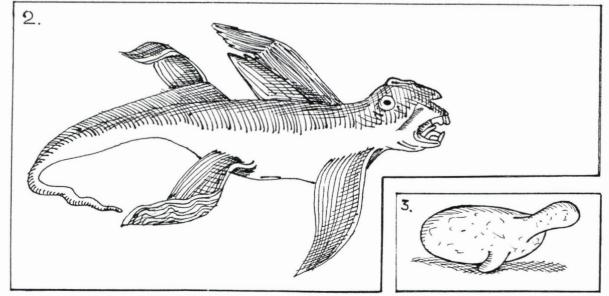
• Loch Ness (sightings): In the LN Lodge Visitor Centre, at Drumnadrochit, A VIDEO ABOUT THE CREATURES IS SHOWN. IT MENTIONES TWO 1987 SIGHTINGS, BOTH IN JULY. DONALD DAVIDSON, SAW "A SMALL HUMP", 20 FT LONG AND 2 FT HIGH; AND MARY APPLEBY AND BARBARA GRANT SAW, EARLY ONE MORNING, ON THEIR WAY FROM INVERNESS TO URQUHART BAY, A LONG NECK LEAVING A LONG WASH. AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A SWAN, BUT IT WAS TOO BIG. WHEN THE HEADNECK HAD DI-

VED, THERE WERE TWO DARK SPOTS AT THE HEAD OF THE WAKE, LIKE TWO ANIMALS. MORE ABOUT THESE REPORTS, AND TWO MORE, IN NESSLETTER 83.

• LOCH NESS (EXPEDITION): ADRIAN SHINE, WITH 22 YACHTS WITH SONAR, WENT UP AND DOWN THE LOCH TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT NESSIE, THE ECOLOGY AND ARCHAEology of the Loch. Accord NG to My sources, two inconclusive contacts were made: one on Oct. 8, and one on Oct. 9. The second was on Friday after-NOON, IN MIDWATER OFF URQUHART BAY, BY THE "NEW ATLANTIS". IT WAS BIGGER THAN A FISH, BUT SHINE EXPLAINED IT COULD HAVE BEEN TRASH, WHILE HARMS—WORTH THOUGHT IT COULD HAVE BEEN NESSLE. A LIST OF CLIPPINGS FOLLOWS: D. TELEGRAPH, 25.8., p. 12DE; D. MAIL 26.8., p. 8; LE POINT, 7.9., p. 56/57; ARD TAGES—THEMEN 17.9. & 8.10; SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG 19.9., p. 40 & 23.9., p. 52DE & 12.10, P.11cd; Zeit 2.10., P.69; SWF 3 Nachrichten 9.10.; ZDF Heute Journal 9.10; FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG 10.10., P.9 & 12.10., P.8EF; RHEIN-ZEITUNG, 10.10., p. 5aB; ARD TAGESSCHAU 11.10.?; INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE 10.10., p. 2g; AACHENER VOLKSZEITUNG 10.10.p. 5; LA REPUBBLICA 10.10., p. 22; CORRIERE DELLA SERA 10.10., p. 1; THE TIMES 10.10., p. 2cde; LA STAMPA 10.10.p. 5a; NEUE ZÜRICHER ZEITUNG, 11.10., p. 9cd; SONNTAG AKTUELL, 11.10.

• Loch Awe, Scotland: "The tale surrounding the Great Beast of Loch Awe is A STRANGE ONE INDEED. THE BEAST IS BELIEVED TO BE A 12-LEGGED SOMETHING BETWEEN AN EEL AND A HORSE AND WHEN THE LOCH WAS COVERED WITH ICE STRANGE CRACKS AND SOUNDS CAUSED LOCAL PEOPLE TO SAY THAT THE GREAT BEAST WAS TRYING TO BREAK OUT." (HOLIDAY WEST-LOCHABER, AUGUST 1987, p. 16 - A NEWS-PAPER FOR TOURISTS). SIMILAR LEGENDS OF MANY-LEGGED WATERMONSTERS AND





STRANGE SOUNDS ARE COMMON IN EUROPE.

• FALMOUTH, CORNWALL: THE FALMOUTH PACKET, 22.8., p. 12f, has an article headlined: "'Monster' fish reported in angling lake". In a fishing reser-VOIR NEAR FALMOUTH, ANGLER'S RODS HAVE FELT THE PULL OF A BIG FISH. "SOUTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY OFFICER STUART BRAY THINKS THAT IT IS EITHER A GIANT EEL OR A BIG CATFISH."

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- ALEUTIAN ISLANDS: BBC WILDLIFE (JANUARY 1987) HAD A REPORT ABOUT STELLER'S SEA APE, AN ANIMAL LIKE A MIXTURE BETWEEN MONKEY AND SHARK. IT WAS SEEN AGAIN IN JUNE 1965 BY MILES SMEETON OFF ATKA. I DO NOT HAVE THE ARTICLE, MY INFORMATION COMES FROM NESSLETTER 82. THE SKETCH 2 SHOWS GESNER'S DRAWING OF THE "DANISH SEA APE" (1588), WHICH STELLER FELT WAS IDENTICAL WITH HIS OWN MYSTERY ANIMAL.
- USA: A sasquatch was reported in August 1986 by a contruction crew which WAS BUILDING A BRIDGE ACROSS THE KERN RIVER, CALIFORNIA. (FATE, JUNE 87, p.26) - ANOTHER AQUATIC HOMINID? MORE ON BIGFOOT, SEE NEWSWEEK, 28.9. SKETCH 1 IS BASED ON PATTERSON'S BIGFOOT FILM.

LEVIATHAN:

• Falmouth, Cornwall: In 1985, Morgawr was observed and photographed early IN AUGUST BY B. CLARK AND C. HOLDEN. IT WAS A "MOST HORRENDOUS BEAST MO-VING IN AN EASTERLY D'RECTION. MR. HOLDEN, A MAN OF GREAT FORTITUDE AND LIGHTNING REACTIONS IS A KEEN PHOTOGRAPHER AND A IN A TRICE HAD WHIPPED

OUT HIS CAMERA AND SNAPPED THE BEAST SECONDS BEFORE IT SUBMERGED." (FALMOUTH PACKET, 9. AUG 1985, p.4) THE SKETCH 3 IS AN OUTLINE TRACING OF THE PICTURE: IT'S A POTATO ON A PLASTIC SHEET!

- Hongkong: TIME (June 22, 1987, p. 31) HAS AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE ANCIENT GEOMANTIC ART OF FENG SHUI IN HONGKONG. THIS IS THE ART TO PLACE BUILDINGS IN HARMONY WITH NATURE. THE IDEA IS NOT TO DISTURB THE GOOD DRAGONS. This is similar to the Western ideas about Ley-Lines. Time gives the exam-PLE OF THE REGENT HOTEL: "THE FENG SHUL MASTER RECOMMENDED THAT THE HOTEL SET UP A PANORAMIC PICTURE WINDOW FACING HONG KONG HARBOR TO ALLOW THE NINE DRAGONS WHO LIVE NEARBY TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR FAVORITE BATHING SPOT ON THE BAY. DRAGONS, IT SEEMS, DO NOT KNOW HOW TO USE DOORS BUT CAN EASILY PASS THROUGH GLASS. SAYS THE HOTEL'S PUBLIC RELATIONS CHIEF.LYNN GREDSTADT: 'NO ONE WANTS NINE IRRITATED DRAGONS STRANDED IN THE LOBBY'." THESE DRAGONS, NATURALLY, ARE NOT SURVIVING DINOSAURS, BUT NATURE SPIRITS.
- ALEUTIAN ISLANDS: THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS HAVE SEVERAL MARINE MONSTERS: THE SEA COW, THE SEA APE (SEE ISIS), THE SEA SERPENT, AND GIANT OCTOPUSES.

 NOW THERE ARE REPORTS OF GIANT POLAR BEARS, WHICH ARE SEMI-AQUATIC ANIMALS:

 "HUNT FOR GIANT BEAR. MOSCOW, SEPT.30 (UPI) - SOVIET HUNTERS IN THE REMOTE KAMCHATKA REGION OF THE EXTREME NORTH HAVE LAUNCHED AN EXPEDITION TO TRACK DOWN THE 'IRKUIEM', A GIANT ONE-TON POLAR BEAR THAT ACCORDING TO RESIDENTS CRAWLS ALONG THE GROUND LIKE A CATERPILLAR, THE PRAVDA NEWSPA-PER SAID YESTERDAY. BUT THE IRKUIEM MAY BE JUST MORE THAN A LEGEND. SOME SCIENTISTS BELIEVE IT COULD BE RELATED TO A SPECIES OF BEAR THAT VANISHED 10,000 years ago, the newspaper said. 'The animal is rather a mystery just like the abominable snow man or the Loch Ness monster', it said. PRAVDA SAID THE IRKUIEM, AS THE ANIMAL IS KNOWN IN KAMCHATKA NEAR THE BOR-DER WITH THE U.S. ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, WEIGHS MORE THAN ONE TON AND HAS A VERY SMALL HEAD AND LONG NARROW BODY. 'IT SEEMS THE BEAR IS NOT ABLE TO RUN. IT MOVES AS A CATERPILLAR, PUTTING FORWARD FRONT LEGS AND PULLING UP ITS HIND LEGS.'" (ARAB NEWS, 1.10., p.10f)

KRAKEN:

- BAHAMAS: MICHEL RAYNAL, THE FRENCH CRYPTOZOOLOGIST, DESCRIBES THE HIS-TORY OF THE GIANT OCTOPUS OF THE BAHAMAS IN "LE CLIN D'OEIL", No. 16/1987, (21.2.,p.21) AND SUGGESTS A NEW IDENTIFICATION FOR THE MYSTERY BEAST. OTHER ALIEN ANIMALS:
- PUMAS IN GREAT BRITAIN: THE SHOOTING TIMES (WINDSOR, BERKS.) HAS TWO LETTERS ON ABCS IN SCOTLAND. (7.5., p.8 & 6.8., p.8, 1987)
- Two articles in German about flying saucers, Bigfoot and water monsters, AND HOW THEY MAY ALL BE RELATED, BY YOUR EDITOR, IN JOURNAL FÜR UFO FORschung, Nos. 4 & 5/1987.

THAT WAS ALL THIS TIME, THE NEXT BILK (19 & 20) WILL HAVE THE USUAL SEC-TIONS, PLUS UFOS AND THE SEA AND USOS, NEW WHALE-STRANDINGS AND SHARK-ATTACKS, COELACANTH-NEWS, AND WHATEVER KIND OF FORTEAN MATERIAL WILL COME MY WAY. I WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. NEXT BILK IN JANUARY. - ULRICH.